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OHIO MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE CONSPIRACY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Ohio man was sentenced in federal court today for participating, along with two other Ohio men, in a conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.

Floyd B. Binder, 51, of Cleveland, Ohio, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to 10 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 5, 2006, **Binder** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy with co-defendants **Geno L. Dellanno**, 24, also of Cleveland, and **James A. Long**, 34, of Parma, Ohio, to possess with intent to distribute in excess of 500 grams of cocaine from Oct. 2 to 6, 2005. **Binder** admitted that he traveled from Ohio to Dallas, Texas, with **Dellanno** and **Long** to pick up a quantity of cocaine. After receiving more than three kilograms of cocaine, the co-defendants were arrested in Greene County, Mo., while en route to deliver the cocaine back to Ohio. Approximately 3,031 grams of cocaine was wrapped in plastic along with two firearms.

Binder also pleaded guilty to being in possession of a Taurus .357 revolver and a Sig Arms 40-caliber pistol on Oct. 6, 2005, in furtherance of the cocaine conspiracy.

Dellanno and **Long** pleaded guilty on Jan. 4 and Feb. 3, 2006, respectively, to their roles in the conspiracy and await sentencing. Under federal statutes, each of the co-defendants could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David P. Rush. It was

investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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